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THE FLUX GUIDE AND THE FREE LAYER AND THAT INSULATES THE FLUX  
GUIDE FROM THE SHIELDS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 30, 2004, in which a Restriction requirement was made, the claims of Group II (8-17) are hereby elected, without traverse. Please cancel the claims of Group I (1-7) without prejudice for prosecution in a related patent application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, a telephone call to the number indicated below is invited.

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